

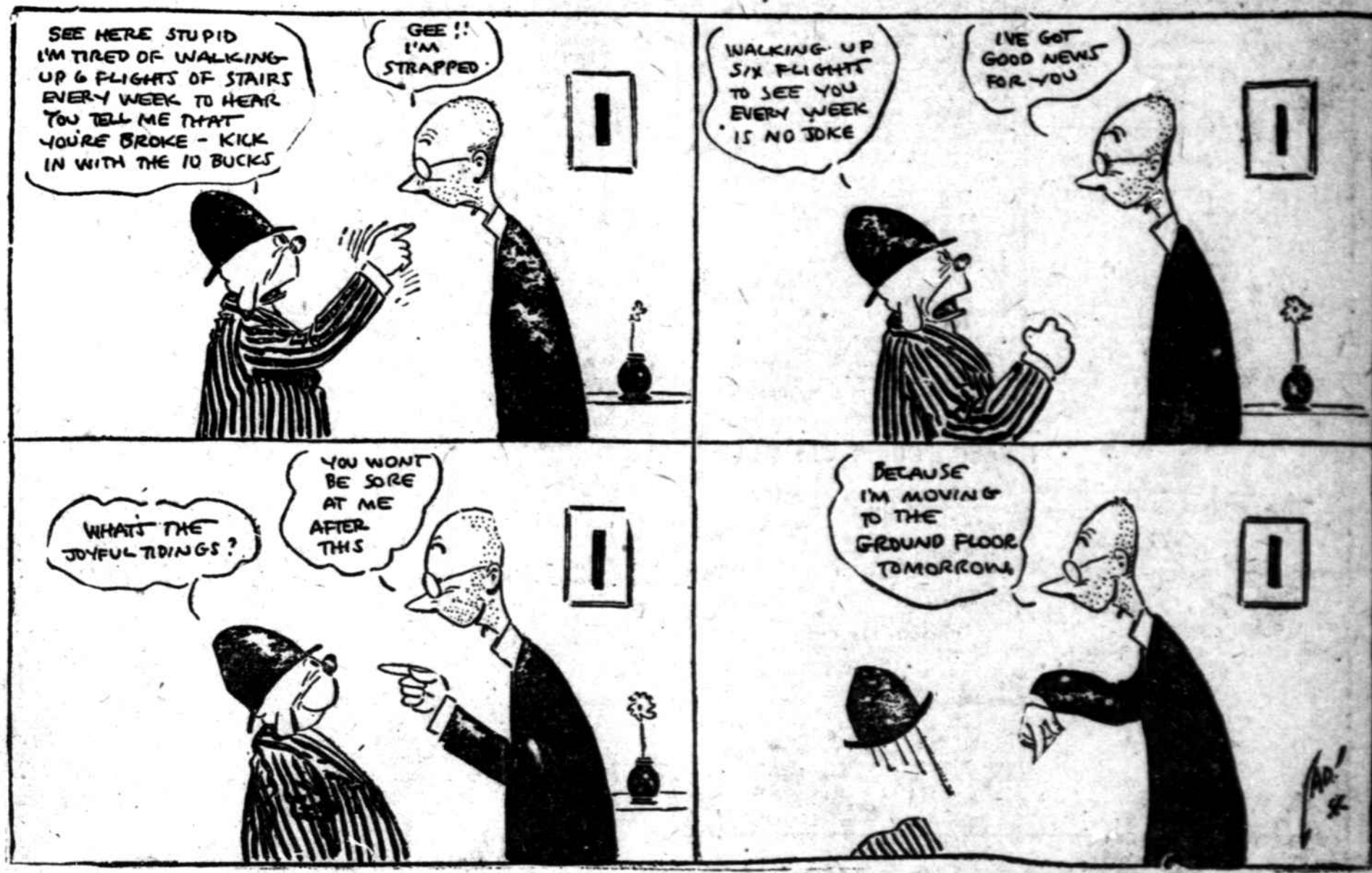
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ZEB MILAN, EDDIE FOSTER AND DANDY CAP. McBRIDE AMONG FORTY IMMORTALS

By AL MUNRO ELIAS.

Only forty men of the thousands identified with the game of today—and of yesterday—have annexed a thousand or more hits during their entire major league careers. Of this number Frank Schulte, Zeb Milan, Bert Shotton, Eddie Foster, and George McBride are Griffmen. Schulte made most of his total with the old Chicago Cubs. Bert Shotton did most of his hitting with the St. Louis Browns, but Milan, Foster and McBride did their walloping as members of the Washington club.

Including Hans Wagner and Larry Lajoie, who have passed beyond big league view, only seven of the present day athletes have scored one thousand or more runs during all the years they were connected with the national pastime.

In his twelve years with the Washington club Zeb Milan has averaged 16 safe hits yearly. In seven years the crack little center fielder has averaged 234 with the bat.

Eddie Foster's eight years as a major leaguer have given him a batting average of .364, with an average of 132 hits yearly.

George McBride's eleven seasons have seen this grand old-timer averaging 24 safe swats yearly, and a batting average of .321.

American League Leaders.

Out of these forty players compiling at least 1,000 hits, twenty-two are American Leagueers, and eighteen members of the parent organization.

Wagner, in the sweep of twenty-one seasons, failed to get within nine points of the 338 mark established by Lajoie in the same number of years—but there ends the supremacy of the Frenchman. In all other departments except in two-base hits Wagner has been the superior to Lajoie.

The flying Dutchman played in more games than did Lajoie, was at bat oftener, made more runs, more hits, more triples, more home runs, more total bases, and averaged more per game than his mighty rival. Wagner hammered out more safeties than any man ever identified with baseball. His record of 231 triples eclipses anything in that department. Only one man exceeds him in four-base swats, and Lajoie alone has topped him—by the bare margin of nine—in the matter of two-base hits.

Moving down to Ty Cobb, who ranks third in the list—ranking being made on the basis of the greatest number of hits—one becomes more forcibly impressed than ever with the amazing accomplishments of the "Southern Typhoon" in his fourteen years as a star in the majors.

Cobb's Average Best.

Cobb's hitting mark of .371 is the most remarkable fact in the history of the present-day swatmen. Furthermore, his average of 180 hits per season is the best of any in the game. A study of the other departments shows that if Cobb maintains his present average and plays the game for twenty-one years, as did Wagner and Lajoie, he will pass both in practically every department of achievement.

Until the close of the 1918 season Cobb had made 2,324 hits—averaging 180 per season. Given seven more years at the same ratio means that at the end of twenty-one years of play Cobb will have smashed out 3,754 hits against 3,439 for Wagner and 3,236 for Lajoie. By maintaining his average of two-baggers, triples and home runs, Cobb should move beyond the marks made by his two great rivals before he has lived twenty-one years under big league tents.

In the matter of run scoring Ty Cobb's average is far greater than that of Wagner and Lajoie. He has scored something like 88 runs per season. Seven more years at the same rate would give him 665 runs, or a grand total of close to 2,000, against 1,741 for Wagner and 1,501 by Lajoie.

Carl Cashion Tops All Batsmen

Jay, Carl Cashion, the mountaineer, who once wore a Washington uniform, led all the batsmen in the American Association last season, walloping the pill for an average of .346.

"Cash" came up to the plate 211 times in 52 games, driving out 73 bingles and scoring 20 tallies. Sixteen doubles, five triples, and five homers show the destructiveness of this slugger.

ED ROUSH EARNS HARD LUCK TITLE

A wonderful catch of a difficult fly ball deprived Ed Roush of the batting championship of the National League. And a strange feature in connection with it is the fact that Roush made the catch himself, and didn't have a hit taken away from him. This apparent impossibility is confirmed by the official averages, and goes on record as one of the most freakish happenings, perhaps, in baseball history. If Roush had muffed that fly, or let it drop untouched, he would have led the league in hitting.

During a game against St. Louis, with a Cardinal runner on third, Roush tore in for a short, fast-dropping fly. He got hold of the ball, but stumbled, went to his knees, and let it get out of his hands. By a marvelous, lightning grab, he got the ball before it touched the ground, and, raising, threw to third base, whence the Cardinal runner had started for the plate. Roush claimed a double play on the ground that the runner had left before the ball was caught, and Hank O'Day, the umpire, sustained the claim.

But the rules say that a runner can start from a base after a fly ball has been "momentarily held." Jack Hendricks, manager of the Cardinals, promptly protested the game on the ground that Roush had momentarily held the ball before he dropped and recovered it. The St. Louis claim was allowed; the game, and all that had been done therein, went off the record. And, as it happened, Ed Roush had made two hits out of three times at bat that afternoon. He lost the hits, and with those hits, he lost the championship and the honor of leading the league two years in succession.

According to the official records, Zack Wheat, of Brooklyn, finished with 409 times at bat and 137 hits, a record of .335. Roush wound up with 435 times at bat and 145 hits. Put in the ousted game and Roush would have had 438 bats with 147 hits—a record of .336.

BRAVES' YOUNG CATCHER DIES AFTER OPERATION

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Arthur Rice, the young catcher of the Boston National League baseball club, is dead of peritonitis, superinduced by appendicitis. Rice was recently discharged from the United States navy, having served on the United States ship Georgia in foreign waters. He was twenty-six years old and unmarried.

STARTS NEXT WEEK.

Columbia University's basketball season gets under way next Friday, Brooklyn Poly being its opponent at Morningside Heights. From then on the schedule will call for about two games weekly.

PLAYS RETURN GAME.

Western High will go right back at Baltimore City College on Friday next in a game in Baltimore.

"The Thousand Hitters"

Players.	Years.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	Hits.	2-B.	3-B.	H. R.	Tot Bases.	P. C.	Ave. hits per year.
Hans Wagner.....	21	2,804	10,428	1,741	3,430	641	251	100	4,873	.329	163
Nap Lajoie.....	21	2,469	9,577	1,501	3,236	650	138	79	4,499	.338	154
Ty Cobb.....	14	1,803	6,799	1,322	2,524	395	97	37	3,518	.371	180
Rhody Wallace.....	24	2,365	8,616	1,056	2,306	390	147	35	3,095	.263	96
Sherry Magee.....	15	2,028	7,278	1,101	2,133	419	166	83	3,183	.293	142
Eddie Collins.....	13	1,678	5,493	1,049	1,817	219	125	21	2,349	.331	139
Hal Chase.....	13	1,587	6,152	795	1,778	255	100	29	2,320	.289	137
Frank Schulte.....	15	1,800	6,533	908	1,766	288	114	92	2,558	.270	118
Clyde Milan.....	12	1,613	6,051	825	1,710	182	83	13	2,097	.282	143
Tris Speaker.....	11	1,336	4,945	878	1,686	315	127	40	2,375	.341	153
Larry Doyle.....	12	1,509	5,655	851	1,641	267	112	63	2,321	.290	137
Ed Konetchy.....	11	1,543	5,626	722	1,532	244	131	47	2,179	.272	139
Frank Baker.....	9	1,271	4,854	741	1,510	262	103	67	2,179	.311	168
Terry Turner.....	15	1,621	5,792	693	1,474	200	77	8	1,852	.255	98
H. Zimmerman.....	11	1,282	4,860	639	1,453	352	98	53	2,160	.299	132
Harry Hooper.....	10	1,382	5,242	821	1,409	191	107	20	1,874	.267	141
Dode Frazier.....	12	1,441	5,168	782	1,408	246	63	34	1,882	.272	117
Zack Wheat.....	10	1,233	4,630	565	1,388	231	97	46	1,951	.300	139
Jake Daubert.....	9	1,273	4,552	648	1,387	138	78	32	1,777	.305	154
Domie Bush.....	11	1,497	5,549	1,003	1,374	144	57	8	1,656	.248	125
Joe Jackson.....	9	1,040	3,878	686	1,370	234	134	35	1,977	.353	152
Fred Merkle.....	12	1,377	4,941	632	1,349	260	74	53	1,916	.273	112
Stuffy McInnis.....	10	1,159	4,232	502	1,308	287	54	14	1,616	.309	131
Duffy Lewis.....	8	1,184	4,325	500	1,248	254	38	28	1,706	.289	156
Larry Gardner.....	10	1,255	4,370	546	1,235	172	93	17	1,544	.283	124
Dick Hoblitzel.....	11	1,317	4,706	591	1,210	194	78	27	1,641	.258	110
Max Carey.....	8	1,159	4,453	686	1,209	170	80	30	1,629	.272	151
Bert Shotton.....	9	1,170	4,328	670	1,202	134	59	6	1,472	.278	134
Fred Luderus.....	9	1,183	4,311	509	1,188	219	47	79	1,738	.276	132
Charley Herzog.....	11	1,266	4,510	625	1,180	168	63	20	1,534	.262	107
Art Fletcher.....	10	1,138	4,107	527	1,131	166	57	19	1,468	.275	113
Jimmy Austin.....	10	1,345	4,601	554	1,131	148	62	11	1,436	.246	113
Derrill Pratt.....	7	1,029	3,871	450	1,088	198	79	23	1,513	.281	155
Eddie Foster.....	8	1,030	4,023	527	1,082	135	54	6	1,323	.264	133
John Collins.....	9	1,139	4,117	481	1,054	203	91	15	1,484	.256	117
George McBride.....	11	1,429	4,752	450	1,043	125	42	5	1,275	.221	96
Gatvy Cravath.....	9	1,090	3,680	539	1,048	254	78	105	1,726	.284	116
Chick Gandil.....	8	1,031	3,804	396	1,048	149	71	10	1,305	.275	131
J. C. Smith.....	8	1,030	3,666	452	1,028	201	49	26	1,405	.280	129
George (Katy) Burns.....	7	914	3,541	565	1,017	175	57	22	1,380	.287	145

In above table players are ranked according to th number of base hits.

HARRIS AND SMITH SURE FOR INDIANS

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—Cleveland baseball fans have been patiently waiting for some word from the front of Joe Harris, the demon hitter who cavorted around the initial sack for the Indians in 1917. Although a newcomer in fast company, Joe hit the pill hard, breaking up many a game in favor of the Tribe, and it was freely predicted that had he been in the line-up the past season the Indians would have won the flag pulled up. Joe Harris is still Joe Harris, and is keen to get back in his baseball togs as a member of the Indians. Lieut. Ed Klepper writes that Harris went through the world war unscathed, and is anxious to return to the United States so as to be ready to accompany the Cleveland players on their trip to the Sunny South. Klepper adds that Elmer Smith, the hard-hitting right fielder, also got by without a scratch, and that if enthusiasm counts for anything Smitty will lead the league in hitting in 1919.

INTERNATIONAL TO MEET MONDAY AND CHOOSE BOSS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The chiefs of the International League will meet here Monday to elect a president, and determine its course of action in the minor league meeting at Chicago, January 14. Dave Fultz, former major league player and organizer of the Players' Fraternity, will be elected president of the league to succeed John A. Farrell, it is said here today.

DUFFY LEADS CRIMSON.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 4.—Hugh Duffy, former big league star outfielder and manager of the Chicago White Sox in the American League, will again act as coach of the Harvard vastly baseball team for the coming season. This will be his third season with the Crimson.

PLAYING NAVY TODAY.

The strong Crescent A. C. of New York is playing basketball today against the Middle at Annapolis. On Wednesday Johns Hopkins will battle the sailors, and on next Saturday Lehigh will be the attraction.

Beals Becker Not So Hefty

Beals Becker led the American Association's sluggers in 1917 with an average of .323, but he was not so hefty last year, finishing down at the .278 mark. Becker was with the champion Kansas City club. He came to bat 245 times in 74 games, hitting safely 68 times and scoring 36 runs.

HAS SERBIAN GIANT TO TACKLE WILLARD

Idef Kortloff, a Serbian, twenty-two years old, 6 feet 11½ inches tall and weighing 341 pounds, may be the next opponent of Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship. Color Sergt. Walter Duggan, of New York, has found this delicate youngster overseas and says that he can box fairly well right now and can be taught. Kortloff is at Coblenz, Germany, where the American army is keeping an eye on things.

If this Serbian whale stacks up against Willard he will have some ninety pounds' advantage and will tower five and a half inches above the Kansas cowboy.

BENNY KAUFF SIGNS FOR NEXT YEAR WITH GIANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Benny Kauff is the first major league star to sign a 1919 contract. Kauff signed with the Giants for one year, setting the pace for several hundred unsigned major leaguers.

GAME TO HUMPHREYS.

Camp Humphreys was awarded the game which the Fort Myer team won on Wednesday in the Service League. On account of furloughs the Myer men asked to forfeit the game, but wanted to play with a borrowed player.

CHICK MEEHAN MAY SIGN WITH BRAVES

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Chick Meehan, who played great baseball and football at Syracuse University, may be signed by the Boston Braves for a trial next spring. Leo Callahan, the minor league outfielder, is home again after serving with Meehan in the United States navy and playing with him on the navy team in the league contests in England last summer, and Leo is loud in his praises of Meehan. "Ensign Meehan played great ball with our team," says Callahan, "and Rabbit Maranville is going to do his best to have George Stallings give him a trial."

CENTRAL HIGH BATTLES ALEXANDRIA HIGH BOYS

Central High School basketballs will battle the Alexandria High School youngsters at Central today in what is expected to be a practice game for the Mt. Pleasant lads. Central has failed to land a game as yet, but has hopes of coming through today.

The Central-Western game scheduled for next Tuesday is creating an unusual amount of interest. While neither team has won a league engagement, both have been coming forward rapidly.

WESTERN GOLF LEADERS AFTER THREE TOURNEYS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The directors of the Western Golf Association will decide at the annual meeting, January 14, to reinstate the three title events. Similar action is also predicted by the directors of the U. S. G. A., who will meet in New York a week later.

Additional interest attaches to all of the major championships for the coming year, inasmuch as confirmation has been received of the proposed visit of Harry Vardon, James Braid, Edward Ray, J. H. Taylor, and probably two or three other celebrated British players.

RESERVES WIN IT.

Business reserves took a 2 to 1 victory from the Eastern reserves in the Business gymnasium yesterday.

MISKE AND DEMPSEY ARE TO BOX AT NEW ORLEANS

Billy Miske and Jack Dempsey may meet in a long-distance bout, according to advices from New Orleans today.

Miske, it is said, had already agreed to face the Californian over the twenty-round distance, and Dempsey is expected to sign up unless the promoters can hook Jess Willard for him.

The reports from the Crescent City intimate that the bout may be labeled a championship affair, and that the winner may lay claim to the heavyweight title, completely ignoring Willard.

Just how this would be taken by theistic public remains to be seen. It is doubtful that the winner of a Dempsey-Miske bout would get recognition. But the bout would attract a great deal of interest.

Miske stands out today as the one riddle that the cyclonic Dempsey has been unable to solve. The men have met several times, and Dempsey has always come away the winner, but he has not been able to knock Miske out, though he has over all the other big lads like nine pins.

In a twenty-round bout Miske believes he would have a better chance to even up the count against the young tornado from the far away Pacific.

WESTERN BELIEVES JINX IS LEAVING

Western High School believes its jinx has been chased. The Red and White basketballs after trailing behind teams the greater part of the season by one, two and three points finally landed what it believes to be a real achievement in the defeat of the Baltimore City College five. The score was 25 to 24.

Three times this season Western has dropped games by a single point. Twice the team lost by a four point margin. The Westerners appeared to be lacking the punch. Last night's issue was decided in the last minute of play when John Groves hooked two baskets for four points which brought the score from 24 to 21 against them to 25 to 24.

The teams quit the floor at the end of the first half with the score 16 to 9 in favor of Western. The City College lads got going and ran the total up to 20 to 19. Both teams failed miserably on free tosses. Western getting but one out of nine chances and City College four out of seven.

Hieron, Wright and Breese for Western and Baumgarten and Travers for City College played consistently well.

Western's seconds defeated the Tech seconds in Western's gymnasium by a score of 32 to 16. The Western freshmen dropped a 15 to 14 game to the Y. M. C. A. youngsters in a hotly contested battle.

CONNORS' SHOOTING IS ENOUGH FOR NAVY YARD

Connors' shooting for the Navy Yard in the week-end Service League battle, at the McKernan Hall, was enough for the southeast lads to make a win out of their contest with the Marines. The Navy Yard right forward foot fifteen of his team's seventeen points, making five floor baskets and five out of seven free tosses. The Navy Yard lads won by 17 to 14.

The Marines were represented by the anti-aircraft division of the 135th Company, which failed to display the teamwork of the Sixth Company, which represents the Quantico men, in the last engagement.

The standing of the league follows:

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Humphreys.....	1 0 1.000
Operations.....	1 0 1.000
Navy Yard.....	1 1 .500
Marines.....	1 1 .500
Fort Myer.....	0 2 .000

Games will be resumed Wednesday. In addition to the regularly scheduled battle, the Aloysius Club will play a game with a team to be announced later.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Sam Meitor, New York marathoner, chose this day to prepare himself for the amateur marathon, which will be held in New York in February.

The boxing lid was lifted in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Stanley Ketchell was listed to meet Tony Caponi January 16. For the first time since two years ago, when Harry Lewis killed, Mike Sarna in a boxing bout, a fight was arranged.

Washington was invited to join a newly formed soccer league, which included several Baltimore teams.

Jack Mason, as manager of Young Otto, posted a forfeit of \$1,000 to meet Packey MacFarland, the Chicago stock yard champion.

Dick Woodward was appointed coach of the Eastern High baseball team. Woodward formerly played at Central, and was at one time an Easterner.

TRIS SPEAKER MAY YET LEAD INDIANS

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—Tris Speaker may yet be named as manager of the Indians for the coming season. Jim Knott is here today for a conference with E. S. Barbard, business manager of the club; Lee Fohl and, and Tris Speaker.

Just what the trouble is remains a secret, but it is believed that Speaker and Fohl do not work well together, and that President Dunn is determined to clear up that situation before it is too late. If the break is irreparable, Fohl will be released, and Speaker named as manager.

EDDIE COLLINS PLEADED AT GLEASON'S NEW JOB

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—"The Chicago fans could not have received a better New Year gift than the information that Kid Gleason would manage the White Sox next season," said Eddie Collins, now in the marine corps here.